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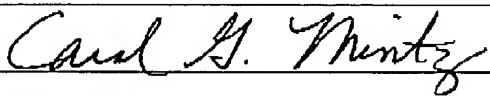
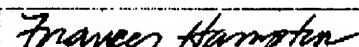
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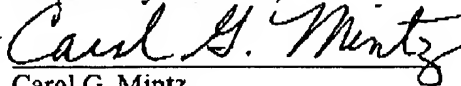
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Sir:

On or about February 9, 2004, Examiner Jeffrey E. Russel contacted the undersigned by telephone regarding the above-identified patent application. The Examiner indicated that all rejections have been overcome except for the *Chemical Abstract* 132:40522x. He stated that he was endeavoring to obtain a copy of the full text of the Chinese language patent: Hu, Yunyu et al., *Injection of basic fibroblast growth factor and bone morphogenetic protein for osteogenesis stimulation*, Faming Zhuanli Shenqing Gongkai Shuomingshu, CN 1,163,780 05 Nov. 1997, the English language abstract of which is of record as *Chemical Abstract*, which forms the basis for the remaining rejection. The Examiner also stated that upon receipt of the Chinese language copy of the complete patent, an English language translation would be ordered. Following his receipt of the English language version of the Chinese patent, a non-final Office Action will issue, according to Examiner Russell.

Respectfully submitted,



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